

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 24, 2013

Present

Ron Gold- President
Karl Denison- Vice President
Jack Janda- Board Secretary
Steve Taylor- General Manager
Greg Kester- District Auditor & Dir. of Finance/Customer Svc.
Tracy Colard- Director of Ops- Electric
Darin Hall- Electric Superintendent
Rob Johnson- District Legal Counsel
Kristin Masteller – Dir. of Employee & Public Relations
Jocelyne Gray – Director of Ops - Water
Julie Gray – Credit/Collections/Billing

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

By adopting the consent agenda, the following items were approved:

The minutes of the September 10, 2013 regular meeting and special meeting workshop.

Payroll warrants #106894-106923 in the amount of \$79,714.78; Accounts Payable warrants #106892-106893 \$5,550.00 and #106924-106982 \$779,609.11 with Voids #106927 (\$99.50) and #106891 (\$69.70) for a total vouchers amount of \$864,873.89.

Jack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Karl seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Visitors

No visitors in attendance.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Approval of Write-Offs

Julie went over the three accounts that are up for write-offs to collections.

Karl made a motion to approve the write-offs as presented in the amount of \$6,352.90; Jack seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve attached information on the Colombia River Treaty to make sure that the commissioners have received it. Kristin included an op-ed piece that Joel Myer is submitting to The Journal on behalf of Mason 1 & 3's board chairs.

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 24, 2013

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Steve Taylor

Steve alerted the board about a webinar given by NWPPA and PPC regarding smart inverters. This would be good for the board to help educate themselves.

STAFF REPORTS

Darin Hall: Still working on bids for helicopter trimming. One bid has been received. Also will go out for bids for tree trimming along 101 corridor. Tracy gave a quick update on the substation. BPA is about 75% finished with their work. Commissioning is going okay but we still have some issues on the CT testing that we're working out.

Jocelyne Gray: Project at Canal Mutual are slowly moving along. There's been some lack of communication with the contractor regarding shutting off water without notifying us or the customers. The Tides restaurant was the only ones who were notified. Jocelyne discussed these issues with the contractor so next time we can prepare customers. PUD 1 crews will work on connecting services to the main line as long as the system passes the necessary tests. Hoping to get the paving done before the weather gets too bad. For Hood Canal Water System, we are getting more samples this week to see if the lines are running clean. The pressure test came back fine but the total coliform keeps coming back positive. Jocelyne is budgeting in 2014 to replace the line along Mason Ave. Jocelyne attended the AWWA Water Loss Forum last week and it was a really good program on water loss. A big contributor to water loss is pressures and leakage at the joints, in addition to other leaks and illegal connections. Heading to Leavenworth to the WPUDA Water Workshop this week.

Greg Kester: Attended the NISC annual meeting, particularly the call capture feature section which will work well for us in the future. They have 38 affiliates that have software products that should be beneficial for us in the future. Started the State audit on Wednesday the 11th. Ron will attend the exit audit on October 17th at 9:00 a.m. Greg will attend a presentation at WPUDA in Leavenworth also this week.

Kristin Masteller: Attended NWPPA's Energy & Innovations conference and brought back some good information on marketing our conservation program and to improve internal and crisis communications. PUD 1 won five awards, including two first place awards for the newsletter and website. Working on some health care reform updates this week, working with NWWH group this week and will be attending that conference next month with Darin. Customer appreciation BBQ is next Friday and the board needs to figure out who is grilling food for the customers. Will work on the strategic work plan to have it ready for our staff budget meeting and then will present it to the board for approval later this year. Fall newsletter is going out this week. Kristin will work on getting a display for all of our awards.

Rob Johnson: L&I has taken the position that PUDs are supposed to pay prevailing wage for energy conservation measures. Kitsap County's program now requires installations to pay prevailing wage. Rob is monitoring this issue.

Mason County PUD 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 24, 2013

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Karl: Karl stated that the Chelan WPUDA meeting was very informative. WPUDA is working on several energy related legislative issues, including protection of customers smart meter information. WPUDA will be holding a workshop in October on Indemnification. After the WPUDA workshop, Rob suggested that the commission review our exiting resolution. There are 500 veterans preference positions that need to be hired at BPA, which will translate to higher operating costs if not done strategically.

Ron: Ron had no report.

Jack: Jack added that the feeds and tariffs will also have legislation this next session. Jack stated that we need to be educating our customers of what the impacts will be.

At 2:20 p.m. Ron called a five minute recess to follow by an Executive Session to discuss RCW – 42.30.110(f) to Performance of a Public Employee. He stated the session would last 20 minutes. At 2:45 Ron closed the executive session. No further business was discussed.

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Ron Gold, President

Karl Denison, Vice President

Jack Janda, Secretary